is in the condition of ill economic health and it is not possible for the company to generate funds for the revival of its gardens.

Purchase of Hindi Typewriters

†3091. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the name of such departments under his Ministry which do not have a single Hindi typewriter, so far;

(b) the reasons for not purchasing the Hindi typewirter so far and the officers responsible for such kind of negligence; and

(c) the action taken to ensure the compliance of targets fixed for the purchase of Hindi typewriters by the Department of Official Language in its annual Hindi programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) to (c) All Departments under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry are having Hindi typewriters in their offices. All steps have been taken to ensure compliance of targets fixed by the Deptt. of Official Language for the purchase of Hindi typewriters as per the Annual Programme issued by them.

Industrial and Agricultural Export

3092. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) what is the performance of India's industrial and agricultural export during the year 1998-99;

(b) what is the comparative figures for the same for 1997-98; and

(c) the effective measures being taken by Government to increase export of the country?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) As per the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics the export of major industrial and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

agricultural items during the year 1997-98 and 1998-99 in US $ terms is as under :—

US $ Million

Items	1997-98	1998-99
Agricultural products	4237	3952
Leather and manufactures	1657	1653
Chemical products	4551	4180
Engineering goods	4435	3804
Electronic hardware	760	499

(c) A number of steps have been taken to further enhance the export growth which include reduction in transaction cost through decentralisation, simplification of procedures and various other measures as enumerated in the Exim Policy. Steps have also been taken to promote exports through multilateral and bilateral initiatives, identification of thrust sectors and focus regions. In the case of agricultural exports many steps have been taken like providing financial assistance to exporters/growers/Cooperative Societies for developement of infrastructural facilities such as purchase of specialized transport units, establishment of pre-cooling/cold storage facilities, integrated post harvest handling systems (pack houses); grant of financial assistance for improved packaging, strengthening of quality control and modernization of processing units; grant of Air Freight Subsidy for exports of floricultural items and selected fresh fruits and vegetables and fruits; arranging promotional campaigns such as buyer-seller meets and participation in important international fairs and exhibitions.

Trade Agreements with USA

3093. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the details of trade agreements made during the recent visit of US President Clinton;

(b) whether trade balance is in India's favour; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) For promoting bilateral trade, India and the United States of America have agreed to set up India-US Commercial Dialogue and its Terms of Reference were signed on 23-3-2000.